



03560.003343

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: J. S. Ruggles
Ryo KURODA et al.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 1756
Application No.: 10/648,317)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 3665
Filed: August 27, 2003)	
	:	Allowed: November 20, 2006
For: NEAR-FIELD PHOTOMASK AND NEAR-FIELD)	
EXPOSURE APPARATUS INCLUDING THE	:	February 20, 2007
PHOTOMASK (As Amended))	

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application
as follows: